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Classroom Activities

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China, America and the Dalai Lama (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'China, America and the Dalai Lama'.
Answer questions 1-14.

1. Who is the Dalai Lama?

2. Why does China disapprove of the Dalai Lama?

3. What does the Dalai Lama want to happen to Tibet and why?

4. Where does the president of the USA live?

5. Why is the Dalai Lama respected by many people throughout the world?

6. Explain what China believes it has done to help Tibet.

7. What do many Tibetans consider the Dalai Lama to be?

8. Why was the Dalai Lama's request for a meeting turned down in 2009?

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9. How did the Dalai Lama's visit differ from other world figures' visits with President Obama? What do you think was the reason for this?

10. Why has the sale of American military equipment to Taiwan annoyed China?

11. What do American companies think is one of the reasons for the trade imbalance between the USA and China?

12. What are bonds? Why is the sale of bonds currently important for the USA?

13. Who is the President of China? What action might he take and why would he do this?

14. Why do you think the Dalai Lama described America as a 'champion of democracy, freedom and human values'?

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Baltic Sea meeting (Page 14)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Baltic Sea meeting'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Helsinki is the capital of Finland.		
2. The Baltic Sea is shallow and full of fresh water.		
3. The Baltic Sea is one of the most polluted seas in the world.		
4. The BSAG is a non-political organisation.		
5. Norway has a Baltic Sea coastline.		
6. Vladimir Putin is the president of Russia.		
7. St Petersburg is Russia's largest city.		
8. Kaliningrad is part of Russia.		
9. Nord Stream will take gas from Russia to Germany.		
10. Angela Merkel is the German Chancellor.		

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Falkland Islands argument (Page 4)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Falkland Islands argument'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

United Nations	South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
Agreed to support Argentina	Oil prospecting
Malvinas	UN
Year of Falklands War	Falkland Islands
Cause of recent disagreement	1982
President of Argentina	Rio Group
Mexican president	Cristina Fernández de Kirchner
UK-controlled islands in South Atlantic	Felipe Calderón

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The Netherlands' prime minister resigns (Page 15)

Instructions: Read the article 'The Netherlands' prime minister resigns'.
The answers to the questions are given for 1-9. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. Jan Peter Balkenende.

2. Q. _____

A. Canada.

3. Q. _____

A. Coalition.

4. Q. _____

A. The Dutch Labour Party.

5. Q. _____

A. Queen Beatrix.

6. Q. _____

A. August 2010.

7. Q. _____

A. Uruzgan.

8. Q. _____

A. 9th June.

9. Q. _____

A. 21.

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Was it the Mossad? (Page 7)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Was it the Mossad?'.

Answer questions 1-5.

1. What is the Mossad, and what reputation does it have?

2. Why does the Dubai chief of police suspect the Mossad agents carried out the assassination?

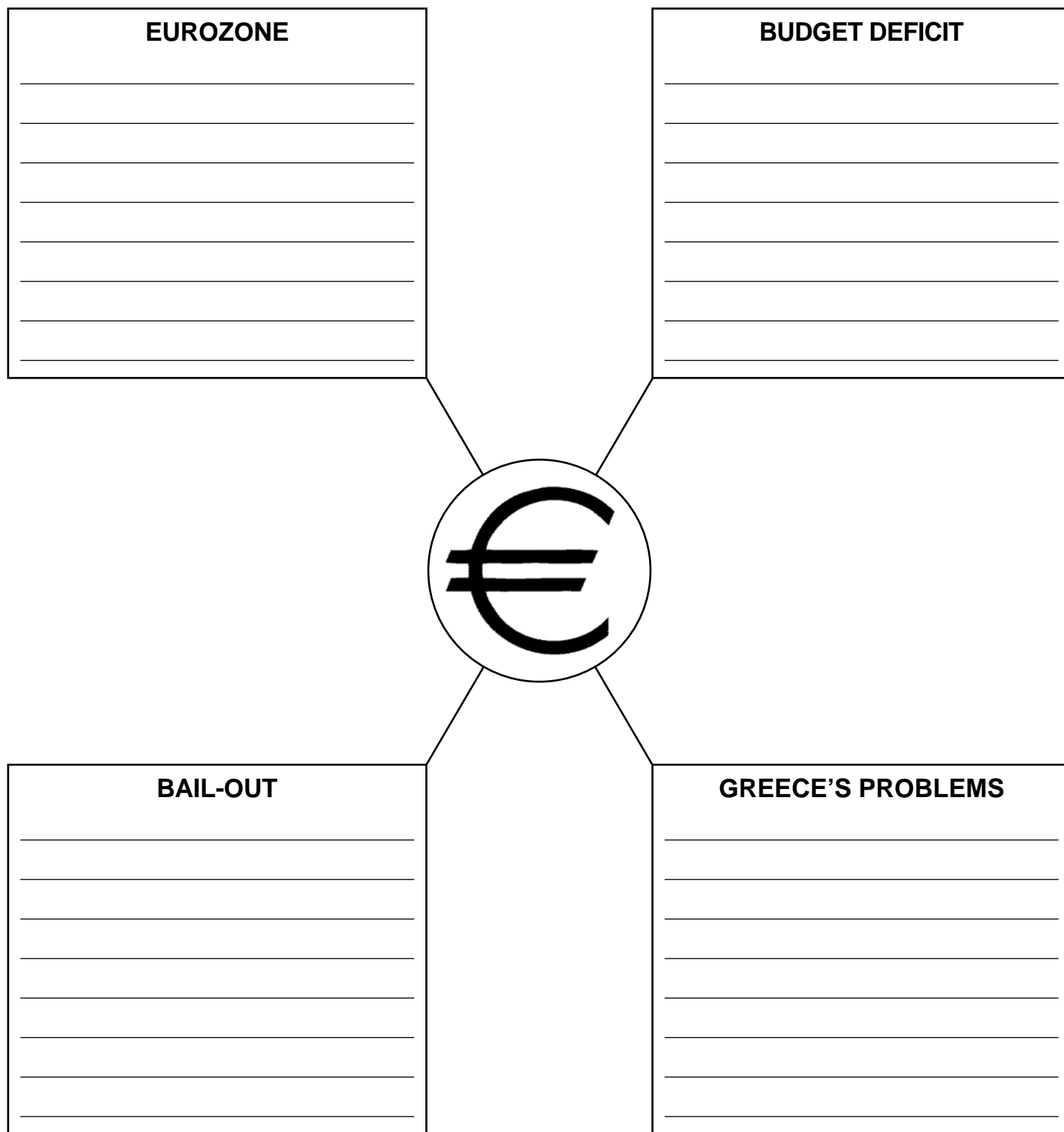
3. What do you think could be the reason for the Mossad agents taking their orders from Austria?

4. What have the Israeli government and the Mossad said about the assassination in Dubai? Why do you think they have done this?

5. Why are several other countries angry with Israel?

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Instructions: Read the article 'Greece and the euro' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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World Map (Page 12)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. YANKE **O****K E N Y A**

2. REIIGN

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3. ORLAPUTAG

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. GETPYL

□ □ □ □ □

5. RAIALES

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6. TAMEGRAINN

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7. ESCREGE

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Issue 113 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 113. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Vodafone

Spiders

Mahouts

Afghanistan

Buddhism

CMEs

Niger

South Atlantic Ocean

Russia

Belgium

Funchal

Sequoias

Dalai Lama

Brussels

Kaliningrad

Niamey

Uruzgan

Redwood

Malvinas

Space weather

Pluto

Madeira

The Underworld

Arachnophobia

Ahkenaten

UK

Elephants

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 113 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 113 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Montevideo is the capital city of which South American country?**
 - a. Ecuador
 - b. Colombia
 - c. Argentina
 - d. Uruguay
 - e. Brazil
2. **What is the main religion of Tibet?**
 - a. Sikhism
 - b. Hinduism
 - c. Islam
 - d. Buddhism
 - e. Christianity
3. **By what title is the head of the United Nations known?**
 - a. President
 - b. Chairman
 - c. Commissioner
 - d. Secretary-General
 - e. Chancellor
4. **Which NATO member country will withdraw its troops from Afghanistan in August 2010?**
 - a. Germany
 - b. Poland
 - c. The Netherlands
 - d. UK
 - e. Estonia
5. **By what name are the Falkland Islands also known?**
 - a. St Helena
 - b. Malvinas
 - c. Cape Verde Islands
 - d. Christmas Islands
 - e. Guadeloupe
6. **Who is the prime minister of Portugal?**
 - a. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero
 - b. José Sócrates
 - c. Hugo Chávez
 - d. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner
 - e. Juan Ponce Enrile
7. **Of which country is Tarja Halonen the president?**
 - a. Mongolia
 - b. Norway
 - c. Finland
 - d. Sweden
 - e. Russia
8. **Where do coronal mass ejections (CMEs) occur?**
 - a. Under the Atlantic Ocean
 - b. In Antarctica
 - c. Within volcanoes
 - d. In black holes
 - e. On the Sun
9. **Who was Tutankhamun's father?**
 - a. Ra
 - b. Ramses
 - c. Ahkenaten
 - d. Tutmose
 - e. Aten
10. **How many countries are members of the Eurozone?**
 - a. 11
 - b. 16
 - c. 18
 - d. 23
 - e. 27